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Subject: Defense Logistics Management System (DLMS) Jump Start Initiative for
Fiscal Year 2008

USD(AT&L) memorandum, December 22, 2003, set specific policies to implement DLMS by January 1, 2005. This mandate is still a priority for the Department of Defense. DLMS enables initiatives such as Radio Frequency Identification and Item Unique Identification, and supports Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) programs by capitalizing on modern, extensible transaction standards that provide the ability to exchange data beyond the 80 character limitation of legacy "MILS" transactions.

Migrating from "MILS" to the new DLMS standards is a long-term effort requiring a measured, incremental approach. To assist in this effort, I have established the DLMS Jump Start initiative to incentivize the Components to accelerate DLMS migration efforts. This initiative provides seed funds to qualified Components and systems to implement DLMS transactions essential for business transformation. For FY07, the Components nominated 14 systems. Of those, seven systems received funding and are well on their way toward a March 2008 implementation.

Components are encouraged to submit candidate systems for the FY08 DLMS Jump Start Initiative. Candidate systems must be legacy systems that are expected to be in operation for a minimum of five years. Additionally, migration projects funded under this initiative must be completed within 12 months after receiving BTA funds. Details of this initiative along with criteria and nomination forms are provided in the DLMS Program Management Plan (PMP) at http://www.dla.mil/j-6/dlmso/Programs/DLMS/jumpstart.asp.

Components should submit nomination packages by 2 November 2007 using the guidance provided in the PMP. My point of contact is Keith Rineaman at (703) 607-5168 or e-mail keith.rineaman@bta.mil.

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